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CHAPTER 319.

AN ACT in relation to evidence of title to lands, bid in by counties under chapter 132, general laws of 1866.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows :

Relating to evidence.

SECTION 1. Whenever in any action it shall become material to any party thereto, to show that the title to any tract of land is vested in any county, under chapter 132, of the general laws of 1866, by having been bid in for such county for five successive years, on sale for taxes and remaining unredeemed, the statement of such sales made by the county treasurer, or the record of such statement in the book kept for that purpose in his office, or the certificate of such sale executed by such county treasurer to the county, shall be *prima facie* evidence of the regularity of the tax proceedings from and including the valuation of any such tract of land, up to and inclusive of the sale of such land and of the existence of all conditions precedent in any way affecting the validity of such sale, or requisite to make the title of such tract of land absolutely vest in the county where the same is situate; provided, nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to apply to any of such lands, if it shall be made to appear that they were owned at the time of such sales by minors or persons who were *non compos mentis*, insane or under guardianship.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 6, 1885.